

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) An optical disc carrying comprising content and control data for enabling access to the content, the content being arranged on the disc in at least two separate and consecutive sessions, wherein each session ~~on the disc~~ has a Lead-In, a program area, and a Lead-Out, both containing Q-data, and wherein:

information in the Q-data of at least one session's Lead-In for identifying a format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the at least one session; and
none of the sessions has a pointer in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out from the Lead-Out which references control data a primary volume descriptor of that same session.

2. (Currently amended) An optical disc according to claim 1, wherein none of the sessions ~~on the disc~~ has a pointer ~~from the Lead Out thereof~~ in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out which references or addresses a primary volume descriptor of that same session.

3. (Original) An optical disc according to claim 1, wherein there are between two and five sessions on the disc.

4. (Original) An optical disc according to claim 1, wherein the content is arranged on the disc in first and second separate sessions.

5. (Currently amended) An optical disc according to claim 1, ~~comprising a plurality of individual sessions arranged sequentially along a spiral track of the optical disc from an inner area to an outer area thereof, wherein each said session has a Lead-In, further has a program area and a Lead-Out, and wherein none of the sessions on the disc has a pointer from the Lead-Out in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out which references or addresses the program area of that same session.~~

6. (Currently amended) An optical disc according to claim 5, wherein the first consecutive session ~~on the optical disc which extends from the inner area thereof~~ is an audio session having audio data contained in the program area of that session.

7. (Currently amended) An optical disc according to claim 6, wherein ~~the or each~~ a session following the first session is a data session, wherein and the or each ~~said~~ data session has a primary volume descriptor in its program area, and wherein there are ~~no~~ pointers provided from the Lead Out of each data session which reference or address a is no pointer in the Q-data of the data session's Lead-Out which references the primary volume descriptor of that session.

8. (Original) An optical disc according to claim 7, having a first audio session and at least one subsequent data session, the optical disc being a copy protected audio disc.

9. (Withdrawn) An optical disc carrying content and control data for enabling access to the content, the content being arranged on the disc in at least two separate and consecutive sessions, wherein each session on the disc has a Lead-in, a program area, and a Lead-Out, and wherein information in the Lead-In to a session used to identify the format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the session.

10. (Withdrawn) An optical disc according to claim 9, wherein the Lead-In of each session is defined by Q-data in Mode 1, wherein POINT in the Lead-In is \$A0 such that Psec in the Lead-In identifies the format of a session, and, wherein, irrespective of the format of the session, Psec is set to 00.

11. (Currently amended) A copy protected audio disc ~~carrying comprising content and control data for enabling access to the content, the content being~~ arranged on the disc in at least two separate and consecutive sessions, wherein each session ~~on the disc~~ has a Lead-In, a program area, and a Lead-Out, both containing Q-data, and wherein:

information in the Q-data of at least one session's Lead-In for identifying a format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the at least one session; and

none of the sessions has a pointer in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out from the Lead-Out which references control data a primary volume descriptor of that same session,
the copy protected audio disc having a first an audio session and at least one subsequent data session, wherein the first audio session has a program area containing audio data, and
wherein control data the primary volume descriptor in the at least one second and

subsequent sessions session which relates to the first audio session has been removed, corrupted, or rendered incorrect and/or inaccurate or otherwise interfered with.

12. - 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A copy protected audio disc according to claim 11, wherein the content and control data is arranged on the optical disc in two sessions only, a first session being an the audio session in which the program area contains audio data, and the second session being a data session, and wherein the second data session has a primary volume descriptor including control data enabling access to data in the a program area of the second session, and where there is no pointer referencing the primary volume descriptor from the Lead-Out of the second session.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method of recording content and control data onto an optical disc, the method comprising the steps of arranging the content on the disc in at least two separate and consecutive sessions, where each session has a Lead-In, a program area, and a Lead-Out, both containing Q-data, the method comprising the step of recording the content and control data on the optical disc such that:

information in the Q-data of at least one session's Lead-In for identifying a format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the at least one session; and
none of the sessions has a pointer in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out from the Lead-Out which references control data a primary volume descriptor of that same session.

22. (Original) A method of recording content and control data onto an optical disc according to claim 21, wherein content and control data is recorded on the optical disc such that none of the sessions on the disc has a pointer from the Lead-Out thereof in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out which references or addresses a primary volume descriptor of that same session.

23. (Withdrawn) A method of recording content and control data onto an optical disc, the method comprising the steps of arranging the content on the disc in at least two separate and

consecutive sessions, where each session has a Lead-In, a program area, and a Lead-Out, the method comprising the step of recording the content and control data onto the optical disc such that information in the Lead-In of a session used to identify the format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the session.

24. (Withdrawn) A method of recording content and control data onto an optical disc according to claim 23, wherein the Lead-In of each session is defined by Q-data in Mode 1, and POINT in the Lead-In is \$A0 such that Psec in the Lead-In identifies the format of a session, the method further comprising the step of setting Psec to 00 irrespective of the format of the session.

25. (Currently amended) A method of recording content and control data onto an optical disc to provide a copy protected audio disc, the method comprising the steps of:

arranging the content on the disc in at least two separate and consecutive sessions, wherein each session has a Lead-In, a program area, and a Lead-out, both containing Q-data, wherein: the method comprising the step of

information in the Q-data of at least one session's Lead-In for identifying a format of the session is preset irrespective of the format of the at least one session; and
none of the sessions has a pointer in the Q-data of that session's Lead-Out which references a primary volume descriptor of that session.

recording the content and control data on the optical disc such that none of the sessions has a pointer from the Lead Out thereof which references any control data of that same session, the method further comprising arranging the content on the disc to provide a first audio session and at least one subsequent data session.

26. (Currently amended) A method of recording a copy protected audio disc according to claim 25, further comprising recording the first session on the disc as an audio session having a program area containing audio data, and causing control data in the second and subsequent sessions which relates to the first session to be removed, corrupted, or rendered incorrect and/or inaccurate or otherwise interfered with.

27. (Canceled)